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Dear Jim:

As indicated in our recent telephone conversation, the Attorney General's Office has been investigating a groundwater contamination complaint in Whiteside County. As requested, following is a summary of information gathered by the Attorney General's Office concerning this problem.

The **Not responsive** family, **Not responsive** **Not responsive** contacted this Office in March of 85, complaining that drinking water from their sandpoint well (approximately 25 feet deep) began emanating a strange odor and flavor in the fall of 1984. Samples were subsequently taken by this Office. The results indicate that the water is contaminated with a number of organic chemicals (see attached analyses forms).

This Office's investigation revealed that there could be a number of possible sources of contamination. There is a bulk oil storage facility (Kelley-Williamson) directly across the street from the **Not responsive** home. Within one-half mile there is also located: an asphalt storage facility (Koch Asphalt); a site (Roxite Fiberglass) on the USEPA's CERCLIS (formerly ERRIS) list, where chlorinated solvents and paint sludges were allegedly land-disposed in the 1970's; an automobile body shop (Walter's); several additional bulk oil storage facilities, no longer extant; and an old city dump.

Of the possibilities noted above, the CERCLIS site and the Kelley-Williamson bulk oil storage facility seemed to be the most likely sources, the CERCLIS site less so because it is located further away, on the opposite (east) side of the Illinois and Mississippi Feeder Canal.

In addition to the close proximity of the Kelley-Williamson facility to the **Not responsive** home -- the above ground storage tanks are approximately 100 feet from the well in question -- a recent

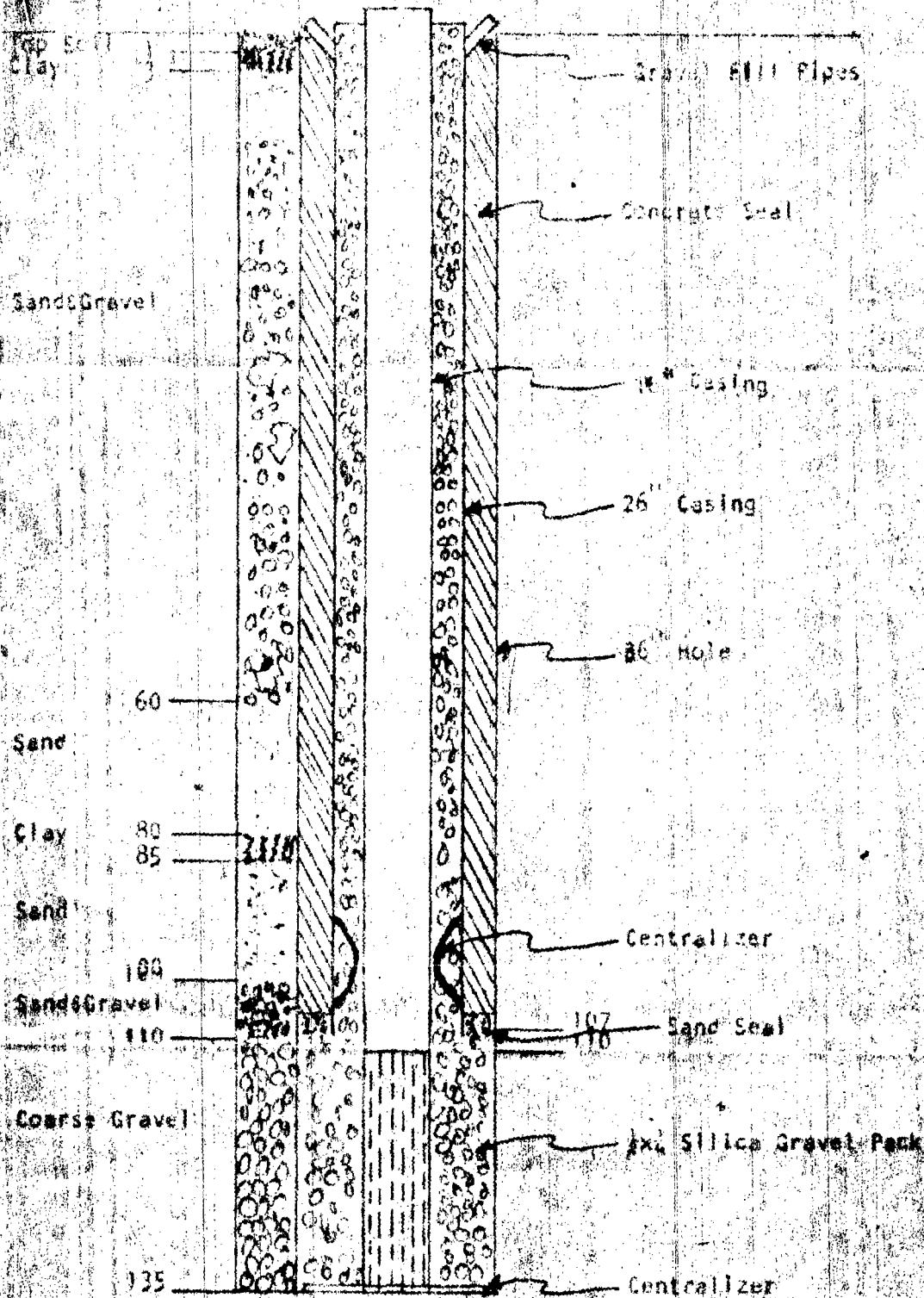
J. P. MILLER ARTESIAN WELL CO.

BROOKFIELD, ILL.

SUBJECT: City of Rock Falls, Well #2

DATE: 2-25-59

Record - July 29, 1961, P.M. 6



2 D P L
3 K, Y, L

FINE
YELLOW
SAND

10

GRAY FINE
TO
COARSE
SAND &
GRAVEL

28

FINE
YELLOW
SAND

32

FINE GRAY
COARSE
SAND, SOME
GRAVEL &
SMALL
BOULDER

47

FINE GRAY
SAND, SOME
SMALL
BOULDERS
CLAY BALLS

54

SOFT
GRAY
CLAY

60

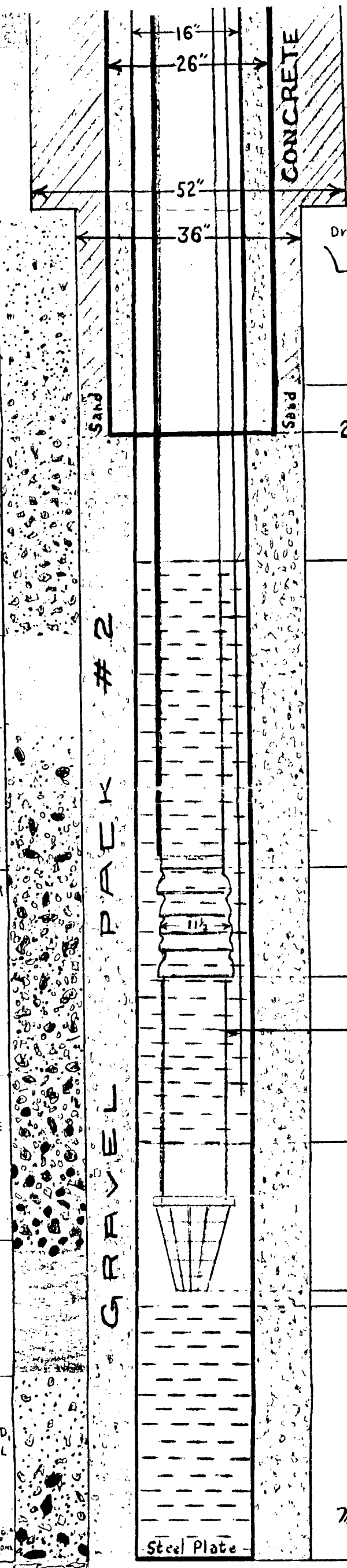
FINE TO
COARSE
GRAY SAND,
SOME SMALL
GRAVEL

67

695

703

COARSE SAND,
GRAVEL AND
BOULDERS, SOME
FINE SAND
BROKEN
YELLOW
LIMESTONE



**WELL
NO. 3**

Started - Sept. 61

Completed - Oct. 61

Drilled By:
Layne Western

Marr Conley
1961